



REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-59 were pending in this application. Applicant has canceled claims 1-59 and added new claims 60-68. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and examination of new claims 60-68.

I. Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

In response, Applicant has canceled claims 1-59 and added new claims 60-68. Applicant submits that new claims 60-68 are patentable over Logan et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,732,216).

Logan is distinguishable because it contemplates a communications link between a user interface device (player 103) with a host computer (i.e. 101), which is located elsewhere. Logan's host computer generally provides all the document processing needed for management of annotations. In contrast, the claimed invention comprises a smart portable device (e.g. a hand-held device with local processing power) which incorporates the claimed elements of the invention. The document processing, comment management, etc of the claimed invention are all performed within the portable device.

In addition, Logan does not teach that the "plurality of annotations information records is linked in a hierarchical tree structure to said text document" in the smart device.

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Thus, the claimed invention is patentably distinct from Logan.

II. Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that new claims 60-68 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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